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SUBJECT: ANDREW JAFFE PROTEST

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1. A NUMBER OF AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS HAVING REQUESTED INTERVIEWS WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION, I INVITED ALL OF THEM TO MEET WITH ME AT 1600 NOVEMBER 27. THE SESSION LASTED ONE AND A HALF HOURS AND WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY ON BACKGROUND, WITH EMPHASIS ON WHAT HAS BEEN TRANSPIRING IN ETHIOPIA. TO JAFFE'S INDIGNATION I REFUSED TO SAY ANYTHING EVEN ON BACKGROUND REGARDING THE CONTENT OF CURRENT US GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. WHEN JAFFE AGAIN REQUESTED ON NOVEMBER 29 AN INTERVIEW WITH CHMAAG GENERAL YOW AND MADE CLEAR THAT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS THE FUNCTIONS OF MAAG IN ETHIOPIA, I AGREED TO THIS AND ASKED GENERAL YOW TO OBSERVE GREAT PRUDENCE IN THE INTERVIEW. JAFFE MET WITH GENERAL YOW LATER THAT DAY. I TALKED WITH HIM THAT EVENING AND FOUND HIM STILL UNHAPPY THAT WE WERE NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION ON USG-GOE CONTACTS, ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL YOW AND SAID THAT THE NOVEMBER 27 SESSION HAD ALSO BEEN USEFUL.

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2. WE HAVE BEEN MOST CAREFUL TO MAKE NO STATEMENTS RE

CURRENT US POLICY GOING BEYOND THOSE EXPRESSED BY
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

3. DAVID OTTOWAY WANTS TO DISCUSS MAAG SUBJECTS TODAY.
GENERAL YOW AND I ARE MEETING WITH HIM AT 1500.

4. WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT TAKING ANY INITIATIVE WITH REGARD
TO MEETINGS WITH THE PRESS AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO CONTINUE
PASSING INQUIRIES REGARDING US POLICY TO WASHINGTON.
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